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SUBJ: PRESIDENT VELASCO DISCUSSES CERRO DE PASCO

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1. ON AUGUST 30, AMBASSADOR BELCHER TALKED TO AMBASSADOR BERCKEMEYER BY PHONE ABOUT CERRO DE PASCO. BELCHER OBSERVED THAT, ALTHOUGH WE DID NOT YET HAVE OFFICIAL TEXT OF PRESIDENT VELASCO'S REMARKS, THE USG REACTION TO THE ALLEGED STATEMENTS AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS WAS VERY NEGATIVE. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE USG IS TRYING TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH SOLUTIONS TO A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS, WITH MR. GREENE ACTING AS THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL EMISSARY, AND THAT STATEMENTS OF THE KIND ATTRIBUTED TO PRESIDENT VELASCO CAN ONLY MAKE THE NEGOTIATIONS MORE DIFFICULT.

2. AMBASSADOR BERCKEMEYER SAID HE WAS VERY MUCH AWARE OF THIS AND WAS ALSO CONCERNED THAT SUCH STATEMENTS WOULD COMPLICATE THE MATTER OF OBTAINING FINANCING FOR CUAJONE. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD SEND A TELEGRAM EXPRESSING HIS VIEWS TO THE GOP. ROGERS

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